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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Achtermann et al. : Before the Examiner: Todd, Gregory
Serial No.: 09/438,436 : Group Art Unit: 2157
Filed: November 12, 1999 :
Title: AN APPARATUS FOR CONNECTION MANAGEMENT AND THE METHOD THEREFOR : IBM Corporation
Intellectual Property Law
11400 Burnet Road
Austin, Texas 78758

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 and M.P.E.P. §608.02, Applicants respectfully request that the changes shown in red to the attached drawings (Figures 1, 3A, 3C, 3D, 4, 5) be approved by the Examiner in the above-identified application.

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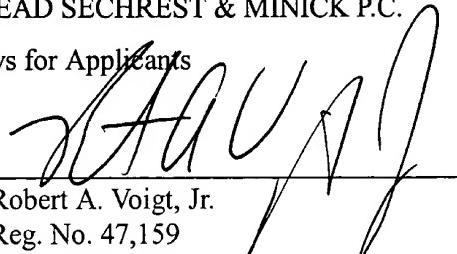

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Transmitted herewith is a Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111, Request for Approval of Drawing Changes, Red-Marked Figures (Figures 1, 3A, 3C, 3D, 4, 5) and acknowledgment postcard for the above-identified Application.

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